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THE REPLY FILED 27 February 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

- they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.

6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1, 3-13, 16-21.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 8.

10. Other: _____.

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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The Kadaba reference does disclose a base station capable of communicating with the portable data terminal for uploading electronic files thereto in order to modify the data collection format in Col. 12, lines 31-44. Here, the base station of the present invention is analogous to the central computer system of Kadaba et al since the portable data entry device of Kadaba et al transfers information to the central computer system. In addition Col. 3, lines 36-41 discloses that information is transferred between the information storage device of the portable data entry device and the central computer system located at a parcel delivery firm meaning that the information stored at the central computer system can be uploaded to the information storage device of the portable data entry device. In addition, Kadaba discloses a system that is configurable so as to allow a user to use the base station to modify the data collection format according to the user's needs in Col. 10, lines 49-57. Here Kadaba discloses a "Site Configuration". At this "Site Configuration", the user is allowed to alter the configuration of interfaces associated with devices [which at a station includes data entry of providing a data collection format]. In addition, Kadaba also discloses the portable data terminal communicating with an external device in Col. 3, lines 43-51, where it is shown that parcels are logged into the portable data entry and data processing device by downloading information from another device via a cable or an optical link. In addition, it is shown that the external device is configurable to allow the user to create or modify the data collection format and to upload electronic files since once the files are downloaded from the other device to the processor, the processor is configured to associate and store data related to a particular parcel including symbol information. In other words, the data format, which includes symbol information that is stored on the processor is created and configured for a particular parcel and information can be loaded up to another computer (See Col. 9, lines 18-21).